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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(1);
3. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
4. Form PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form to cover: \$740.00 RCE filing fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)) and \$110.00 one (1) month extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1)); and
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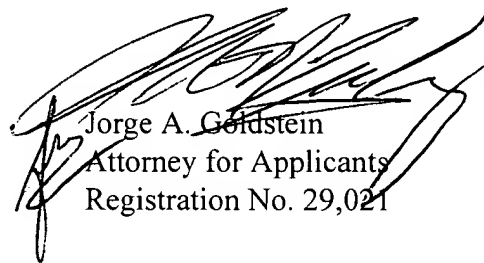
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